

# FLORAL FALCON FLYER

August 9, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/floral/>

[lmccubrey@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:lmccubrey@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

[tostrander@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us](mailto:tostrander@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us)

Contact us at: 508-841-8720

Like us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/pages/Floral-Street-School/191518174343943](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Floral-Street-School/191518174343943)

Dear Floral Families,

We hope you are all enjoying these remaining days of summer and that you are excited about the start of a new school year. The first day of school is **Tuesday, August 30th** – just three weeks from today! The cleaning crew is hard at work waxing floors, cleaning windows and getting your child's new classroom squeaky clean for their arrival. Once rooms are ready, teachers will be coming in to set up and transform their rooms into warm, welcoming spaces- we are all excited to welcome new and returning students and journey into a joyful year of learning together!

We have several important notes below to help ensure a smooth start to the school year. If you have any questions about the information below, please be in contact with Floral secretaries, Susan and Lynda, at the phone number listed at the top of this flyer. Lynda and Susan will be in the office during regular school hours starting Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

One especially important reminder to families: **Please send your child in with a note on the first day of school confirming his/her plans for dismissal (i.e. Bus #, Parent Pick Up, Front Door Walker, or Rear Path Walker).** Thanks so much for your help.

We're looking forward to seeing you and your children soon!

~Lisa McCubrey & Tiffany Ostrander

## **Important Notes:**

### **PowerSchool Updates & Teacher Assignment**

PowerSchool Parent Portal is now available for you to review and update your emergency contact information and review the school handbook. Once you complete these tasks, you will be able to view your child's teacher assignment for the upcoming school year on the main page of the Parent Portal.

To do so, log in to the Parent Portal at <https://ps.shrewsbury.k12.ma.us>. Click on the "Demographic Information Update" button on the left menu. Review your emergency contact information and correct if necessary, view the school handbook, and click the blue button at the bottom of the screen. After clicking this button and proceeding through the acknowledgment page, you will be brought back to the main page of the Parent Portal, on which you will see the name of your child's teacher for the upcoming school year. The process of updating demographics and acknowledging the handbook must be completed for *each* student.

### **Summer Reading & Math**

We hope students have been enjoying their summer reading choices! During the first week of school, students are reminded to bring in their completed summer reading and math calendars. Parents can find those calendars and the summer reading list by clicking [here](#).

### **Open House**

Our annual open house will take place on **Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Students are welcome to come view their classroom with their families and run into some old and new

friends; teachers are generally not present at this time. This is an exciting day for all students and parents – getting a “sneak peek” can be particularly helpful for any students that are a bit anxious about their return. We look forward to seeing you!

### **School Supplies**

School supply lists for each grade level are listed on the front page of the Floral Street website. For those who ordered pre-made “kits” through the PTO, they will arrive in August and will be distributed to student classrooms in time for the first day of school. Any questions about these kits can be directed to PTO member Robbin Miller at [rmillerchat@aol.com](mailto:rmillerchat@aol.com)

### **Curriculum Nights**

The dates for our fall curriculum nights are listed below. These are an important opportunity to strengthen our home-school connection. Our Curriculum Nights will include a brief presentation by the Floral principals in the cafeteria and a more detailed presentation by the classroom teacher in your child’s classroom. The evening will begin at 6:30pm and is intended for parents only.

### **Attendance**

It is very important that children come to school every day on time and ready for learning. Parents play a key role in building students’ independence with the responsibility for getting to “work” every day and on time. Please make sure that your child arrives to school no later than 8:55am every day so he/she will be in the classroom and ready to learn by the 9:00am start time. Students arriving in the building after 9:00am will be considered tardy and must be signed in at the main office by a parent or guardian.

In the event that your child will be absent or late due to illness or an unavoidable appointment, please see the note below about notifying the office in advance.

### **Child-Safe Procedures**

If your child is going to be absent or late to school, we require that you telephone us either the night before or first thing in the morning on the day of the absence at 508-841-8720. The answering machine for our child-safe procedure is on 24 hours a day. If we have not received a call to report an absence, the school will be in contact with the parent to confirm the child’s safety. Please help out our busy office staff by always calling us when your child will be absent or tardy.

### **Medications**

If your child will need to take medication during the school year, please make sure that you obtain a new physician’s order from your doctor for the new school year. A parent/legal guardian must drop off the medication in its original packaging and label.

The nurse, Sandy Sorenson, will be here in the health office on Monday, August 29th between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00pm if you would like to drop off your child’s medication at that time.

### **Important Fall Dates:**

August 25	Open House, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
August 30	First Day of School!
September 2	Professional Development Day for Staff / No School for Students
September 5	Labor Day – No School
September 15	School Picture Day
September 19	Grade 4 Curriculum Night (6:30 – 7:45)
September 20	Grade 3 Curriculum Night (6:30 – 7:45)
September 21	Grade 1 & Grade 2 Curriculum Night (6:30 – 7:45)